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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Dycus et al. Examiner: Michael Peffley
Serial No.: 10/848,773 Group: Art Unit 3739
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For: **VESSEL SEALER AND DIVIDER**

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- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.

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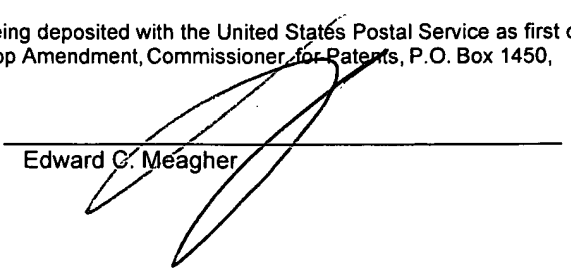
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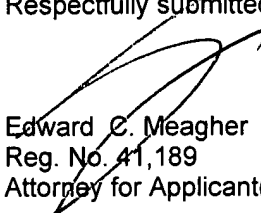

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In response to the Office Action dated October 20, 2006, please
amend this application as set forth hereinbelow.

Amendments to the Specification, begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims, begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks, begin on page 6 of this paper.

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